

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

COMMENDING SOUTH
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 146 and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 146) commending South Charleston, West Virginia, for celebrating its 50th annual Armed Forces Day on May 16, 2009.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 146) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 146

Whereas Americans appreciate the courage, loyalty, and sacrifice of every individual who serves in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May to honor those Americans serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard;

Whereas Armed Forces Day was established on August 31, 1949, following the consolidation of the military services of the United States into the Department of Defense;

Whereas Armed Forces Day is celebrated with parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows around the Nation; and

Whereas on May 16, 2009, South Charleston, West Virginia, will observe its 50th annual Armed Forces Day with a parade, music, and other entertainment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends South Charleston, West Virginia, for conducting Armed Forces Day celebrations for 50 consecutive years and for honoring the selfless dedication and bravery of the men and women of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY ON
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 149, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 149) expressing solidarity with the writers, journalists and librarians of Cuba on World Press Freedom Day and calling for the immediate release of citizens of Cuba imprisoned for exercising rights associated with freedom of the press.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 149) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 149

Whereas Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers";

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly declared May 3 of each year to be "World Press Freedom Day" to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of expression and to remind governments of their obligation to respect the rights of free expression and of a free press;

Whereas the United States Department of State, in its 2008 report on human rights in Cuba, notes, "The government [of Cuba] subjected independent journalists to travel bans, detentions, harassment of family and friends, equipment seizures, imprisonment, and threats of imprisonment. State Security agents posed as independent journalists to gather information on activists and spread misinformation and mistrust within independent journalist circles.";

Whereas Reporters Without Borders, an international nongovernmental organization, continues to rank Cuba as one of the most repressive countries in the world, and the most repressive country in the Western Hemisphere, with respect to freedom of the press;

Whereas the International Press Institute, a global network of journalists, editors, and media executives, concludes that Cuba "remains a leading jailer of journalists";

Whereas International PEN, an international network of writers, has reported that 22 writers, journalists, and librarians were among the individuals arrested and tried during the crackdown by the Government of Cuba on independent civil society activists in the spring of 2003, and subsequently imprisoned;

Whereas International PEN further reports that "the majority of the detained writers, journalists and librarians are suffering from health complaints caused or exacerbated by the harsh conditions and treatment they are exposed to in prison. Despite their deteriorating health status, access to adequate medical treatment is often limited."; and

Whereas the Committee to Protect Journalists, a nonpartisan international organization of journalists, has identified more than 20 writers, journalists, and librarians in Cuba who remain imprisoned by the Government of Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses solidarity with—

(A) the citizens of Cuba who are suffering harassment, deprivation, or imprisonment for exercising rights associated with freedom of the press and pursuing livelihoods as independent writers, journalists, or librarians; and

(B) the family members of those writers, journalists, and librarians; and

(2) calls on the Government of Cuba to release immediately all writers, journalists, and librarians who are imprisoned for exercising their fundamental human rights, including the citizens of Cuba that have been specifically identified by international organizations that monitor respect for the freedom of the press as being imprisoned by the Government of Cuba.

COMMEMORATING AND CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF OFFICER
KRISTINE MARIE FAIRBANKS,
DEPUTY ANNE MARIE JACKSON,
AND SERGEANT NELSON KAI NG

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration S. Res. 150, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 150) commemorating and celebrating the lives of Officer Kristine Marie Fairbanks, Deputy Anne Marie Jackson, and Sergeant Nelson Kai Ng, who gave their lives in the service of the people of Washington State in 2008.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 150) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 150

Whereas law enforcement officers throughout Washington State conduct themselves in a manner that supports, maintains, and defends the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington;

Whereas law enforcement officers in Washington State and throughout the Nation risk their own lives to protect the lives of others;

Whereas since 1792, approximately 18,600 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in the United States, and 262 of

those officers served the people of Washington State;

Whereas in 2008, 133 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in the United States;

Whereas in 2008, Deputy Anne Marie Jackson of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, Officer Kristine Marie Fairbanks of the U.S. Forest Service, and Sergeant Nelson Kai Ng of the Ellensburg Police Department gave their lives in the service of the people of Washington State;

Whereas the family members and friends of Officer Fairbanks, Deputy Jackson, and Sergeant Ng bear the most immediate and profound burden of the absence of their loved ones; and

Whereas National Police Week is observed from May 10 to May 16, 2009, and is the most appropriate time to honor the Washington State law enforcement officers who sacrificed their lives in service to their State and Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends its condolences to the families and loved ones of Officer Kristine Marie Fairbanks, Deputy Anne Marie Jackson, and Sergeant Nelson Kai Ng; and

(2) stands in solidarity with the people of Washington State as they celebrate the lives and mourn the loss of these remarkable and selfless heroes who represented the best of their community and whose memory will serve as an inspiration for future generations.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, May 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, under an agreement reached tonight, the next vote will occur at approximately 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19. That vote will be a cloture vote on the Dodd-Shelby substitute amendment to H.R. 627, the credit card legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2009, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ANEESH CHOPRA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE RICHARD M. RUSSELL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CAPRICIA PENAVIC MARSHALL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND TO HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE, VICE NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT PROMOTION TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be captain

MARK H. PICKETT
MICHAEL D. FRANCISCO
MARK P. MORAN

To be commander

MARK J. BOLAND
BRIAN W. PARKER
TODD A. HAUPT
ROBERT A. KAMPHAUSS

To be lieutenant commander

JASON A. APPLER
NICOLE M. CABANA
RUSSELL G. HANER
JOHN A. CROFTS
PAUL A. KUNICKI
JEFFREY C. TAYLOR
NICHOLAS J. CHROBAK
DANIEL J. PRICE
NICOLE S. LAMBERT
CHAD M. CARY

To be lieutenant

SARAH K. DUNCAN
STEPHEN P. BARRY
SAMUEL F. GREENAWAY
TRACY L. HAMBURGER
MICHAEL O. GONSALVES
OLIVIA A. HAUSER
TONY PERRY III
JONATHAN R. FRENCH
AMY B. COX
MATTHEW J. JASKOSKI
STEPHEN C. KUZIRIAN
LINDSEY M. WALLER
JASON R. SAXE
DAVID A. STRAUSS
REBECCA J. WADDINGTON
GUIENEVERE R. LEWIS

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

JOHN H. PETERSEN
BENJAMIN S. BLOSS
JOHN F. ROSSI
CHARLENE R. FELKLEY
EMILY M. ROSE
KEVIN W. ADAMS
MATTHEW M. FORNEY
PATRICIA E. RAYMOND
MATTHEW J. NARDI
ADAM R. REED
ADRIENNE L. HOPPER
RACHEL M. SARGENT
RYAN A. WARTICK

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be ensign

HEATHER L. MOE
RUSSELL D. PATE
KYLE A. SANDERS
LINDSAY H. CLOVIS
JON D. ANDVICK
AARON D. MAGGIED
CHRISTOPHER J. BRIAND
MICHAEL D. ROBBIE
ERIK S. NORRIS
KURT S. KARPOV
MARINA O. KOSENKO

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8034:

To be general

GEN. CARROL H. CHANDLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL STEVEN J. ARQUETTE
COLONEL HOWARD B. BAKER
COLONEL ROBERT J. BELETIC
COLONEL SCOTT A. BETHEL
COLONEL CHARLES Q. BROWN, JR.
COLONEL SCOTT D. CHAMBERS
COLONEL CARY C. CHUN
COLONEL RICHARD M. CLARK
COLONEL DWYER L. DENNIS
COLONEL STEVEN J. DEFALMER
COLONEL IAN R. DICKINSON

COLONEL MARK C. DILLON
COLONEL SCOTT P. GOODWIN
COLONEL MORRIS E. HAASE
COLONEL JAMES E. HAYWOOD
COLONEL PAUL T. JOHNSON
COLONEL RANDY A. KEE
COLONEL JIM H. KEFFER
COLONEL JEFFREY B. KENDALL
COLONEL MICHAEL J. KINGSLEY
COLONEL STEVEN L. KWAST
COLONEL LEE K. LEVY II
COLONEL JERRY P. MARTINEZ
COLONEL JIMMY E. MCMILLIAN
COLONEL KENNETH J. MORAN
COLONEL ANDREW M. MUELLER
COLONEL EDEN J. MURRIE
COLONEL TERRENCE J. O'SHAUGHNESSY
COLONEL DAVID E. PETERSEN
COLONEL TIMOTHY M. RAY
COLONEL JOHN W. RAYMOND
COLONEL JOHN N. T. SHANAHAN
COLONEL JOHN D. STAUFFER
COLONEL MICHAEL S. STOUGH
COLONEL MARSHALL B. WEBB
COLONEL ROBERT E. WHEELER
COLONEL MARTIN WHELAN
COLONEL KENNETH S. WILSBACH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531.

To be lieutenant colonel

STEPHEN R. DASUTA
BETH M. DITTMER

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

PAUL V. ACQUAVELLA
JOAN M. MALIK
BRIAN L. PETRY
MARY A. PILIWALE
PAUL L. SMITH
DAVID M. TULLY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

CLEMIA ANDERSON, JR.
ANTONIO J. CARDOSO
BRETT K. EASLER
DOUGLAS J. HOLDERMAN
SYLVESTER MOORE
HENRY P. ROUX, JR.
LAWRENCE A. SCRUGGS
STEVEN D. SHARER
RICHARD C. VALENTINE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

JOSEPH R. BRENNER, JR.
TIMOTHY C. GALLAUDET
PAUL S. OOSTERLING
GREG A. ULSES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

JOHN G. BISCHERI
KARL A. COOKE
TIMOTHY J. MARICLE
DOMENICK MICILLO, JR.
JOHN E. RIBS
KENNETH R. SPURLOCK
TODD J. SQUIRE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

JEFFREY A. BENDER
DAWN E. CUTLER
DARRYN C. JAMES
PAMELA S. KUNZE
DAVID H. WATERMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

ROBERT J. ALLEN
WILLIAM R. BRAY
JAMES T. CASON
JOHN M. DULLUM
MARK R. ELLIOTT
JAMES M. ELLIS
JOHN D. HARBER
JASON C. HINES
MARK M. JAREK
FRANCIS M. MOLINARI
RONALD D. PARKER
ALFRED R. V. TURNER
MICHAEL F. WEBB